Yellow warning
Wind

Between
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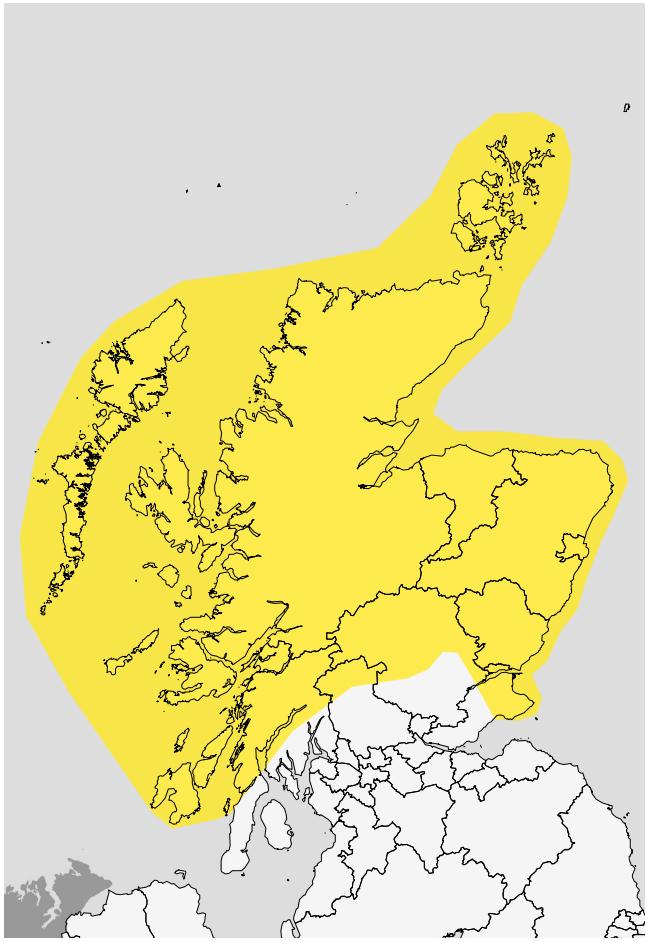


Strong winds in association with Storm Gerrit may lead to transport disruption.

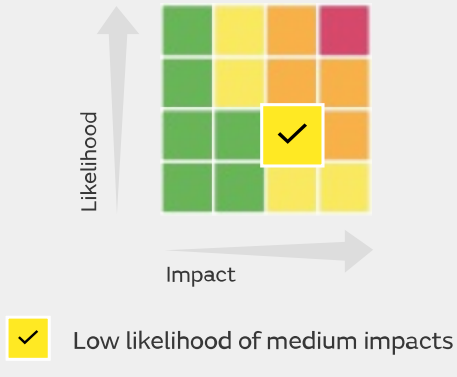
What to expect

- Some delays to road, rail, air and ferry transport expected
- There is a chance that some roads and bridges could close
- There is a small chance that injuries could occur from flying debris, as well as some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- There is a small chance that injuries could occur from large waves and beach material being thrown onto sea fronts, coastal roads and properties
- Some short term loss of power and other services

Further details

Strong east or southeasterly winds will affect the warning area during Wednesday. Initially developing in the south of the region, these strong winds will gradually spread further north, becoming confined to Orkney by the end of the day.

Over the south of the warning area gusts are likely to reach 50-60 mph, especially along coasts and to the west of high ground, and perhaps as high as 70 mph in a few locations.



Low likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

The winds are expected to strengthen as they spread across the north of the warning area, with gusts reaching 60-70 mph widely and perhaps as much as 80 mph across Orkney and the Caithness coast. Winds will be particularly gusty across and to the west of high ground. Additional hazards for parts of the area include heavy rain and snowfall, covered by a separate warning.

What should I do?

Prepare to protect your property and people from injury. Check for loose items outside your home and plan how you could secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds and fences.

Give yourself the best chance of avoiding delays by checking road conditions if driving, or bus and train timetables, amending your travel plans if necessary.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly. When a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

Reason for update

The likelihood of impacts has been increased, particularly across Orkney, northern Highland and Aberdeenshire.

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Grampian

Aberdeen Aberdeenshire Moray

Highlands & Eilean Siar

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